

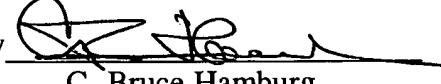
**REMARKS**

In U.S. practice, not only will the USPTO not examine any multiple dependent claim which depends from another multiple dependent claim but such claims make it impossible to count the claims and, consequently, pay the required government fees. For these reasons, the claims have been amended to eliminate such improper multiple claim dependencies.

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